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Attorney General Bruning Announces Herchel Huff to be Sentenced May 5

LINCOLN -- Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that Herchel Huff is scheduled to be sentenced by District Judge James E. Doyle, IV, on May 5 at 9:00 a.m., in Beaver City, NE.

Huff was convicted on March 12, 2010, of motor vehicle homicide while driving under the influence of alcohol in the death of Kasey Jo Warner of Arapahoe.

On October 3, 2007, Warner was jogging with her 3 year-old daughter on a county road south of Arapahoe when Huff struck her with his car. Investigators determined Huff was driving more than 70 MPH and was intoxicated at the time. Warner's daughter survived after Warner pushed her out of the way of the oncoming vehicle. Witnesses reported that Huff asked to use a phone to call his attorney before he called for medical help.

"Mr. Huff has shown absolutely no remorse for what he has done to this family," Bruning said. "He deserves to spend the rest of his life locked up for what he has taken from them."

Huff was also convicted of witness tampering and failure to submit to chemical testing. Evidence at trial showed that immediately after killing Warner, Huff instructed a passenger in the vehicle that the passenger needed to take the blame and state that he was driving. This harassment continued at the scene until Huff was arrested and taken for chemical testing where he subsequently refused to submit to the testing.

At the time of Warner's death, Huff was out on bond while facing a third-offense DUI charge in Lincoln County. The conviction related to Warner's death is Huff's fourth DUI conviction in Nebraska and his 6th conviction overall.

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